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Caring for People, Caring for Creation

Final Statement of the VI JPIC Continental Meeting Asia–Oceania

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Gathered in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 22–27 June 2026 under the theme Caring for People, Caring for Creation, we, the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Animators and representatives of the East Asia Conference (EAC) and the South Asia, Australia and Oceania Conference (SAAOC) of the Order of Friars Minor, celebrate the Eighth Centenary of the Easter (Transitus) of Saint Francis of Assisi, our Seraphic Father. On this significant Franciscan anniversary, we listened attentively to the Word of God, to one another, and to the cries of people and creation throughout Asia and Oceania, discerning together how the Gospel calls us to renewed fidelity and prophetic mission.

Our discernment has been enriched by the reflections of our keynote speakers, the lived experiences shared by the entities of both Conferences, and the voices of participants who brought the realities of their local Churches and societies into our common dialogue.

We Recognize

We recognize with gratitude the rich cultural, religious, and ecological diversity of Asia and Oceania, as well as the generous witness of Franciscan fraternities serving migrants and refugees, Indigenous Peoples, victims of trafficking, communities affected by conflict and disasters, and those living in poverty and exclusion. Across our Conferences, we have witnessed signs of hope through Eco-Pastoral initiatives, humanitarian service, interreligious, interfaith, and intercultural dialogue, ecological education, advocacy, youth formation, and collaboration with local communities and the wider the Franciscan Family.

At the same time, we acknowledge the profound challenges confronting our region: climate change, extractivism, ecological degradation, forced migration, armed conflicts, human trafficking, widening inequality, religious intolerance, and persistent violations of human dignity. Many of these crises are interconnected and sustained by structural injustice and unsustainable economic models, corruption, militarization, overconsumption and exploitation of both people and creation for short-term economic gain. We recognize that the suffering of people and the suffering of creation are

inseparable and call us to deeper conversion, greater solidarity, and renewed prophetic witness.

We Affirm

We affirm that the Easter (Transitus) of Saint Francis reveals the fullness of a life transformed by the Gospel and calls us to become Easter people as instruments of hope who live the Gospel through fraternity, reconciliation, and courageous love. Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation are therefore not simply one ministry among many but a constitutive expression of our Franciscan vocation. We believe that every person possesses an inviolable dignity and that the cries of the poor and the cries of creation are one inseparable call to conversion. Care for people and care for our common home are inseparable expressions of Gospel fidelity and the Franciscan charism.

We further affirm that the interconnected realities of poverty, conflict, forced migration, extractivism, ecological degradation, and social injustice demand a Franciscan response rooted in integral ecology, active nonviolence, minority, fraternity, joyful witness, dialogue, prophetic advocacy, and solidarity with the most vulnerable. Therefore, JPIC must animate every dimension of Franciscan life through fraternity, formation and studies, mission and evangelization, and pastoral ministry, enabling us to move beyond responding to immediate needs toward transforming the structures that undermine human dignity and the integrity of creation, and to bear credible witness to the Kingdom of God throughout Asia and Oceania.

Therefore, We Commit Ourselves

I. Walking with the Wounded

We commit ourselves to accompany migrants and refugees, displaced persons, women and children at risk, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, victims of trafficking, communities affected by conflict and disasters, religious minorities, and all whose dignity is threatened. We shall strengthen ministries of peacebuilding, humanitarian service, reconciliation, the promotion of human rights, and interreligious, interfaith, and inter-cultural dialogue and trauma healing working together with the Church, the Franciscan Family, Franciscan International, civil society, and all people of goodwill.

II. Promoting Integral Ecology

We commit ourselves to deepen ecological conversion through Eco-Pastoral ministries, ecological education that fosters ecological conversion, expressed through simple personal, communal, institutional, and economic lifestyles, biodiversity protection, and responsible stewardship of creation. We shall courageously address extractivism, destructive mining, deforestation, biodiversity loss, climate injustice, environmental degradation, and unsustainable models of economic development while promoting alternatives rooted in the Gospel and integral ecology.

III. Forming Fraternities of Hope

We commit ourselves to integrate JPIC into every dimension of Franciscan formation, fraternity, evangelization, and pastoral ministry, in close collaboration with the Secretaries for Formation and Studies and the Secretaries for Mission and Evangelization of the EAC and SAAOC entities. To strengthen this commitment, we shall establish a regular Asia–Oceania JPIC Formation Course for friars, formators, JPIC animators, and lay collaborators as a common platform for Franciscan formation, dialogue, and shared mission. We shall likewise strengthen the Franciscan Network for Peace and Integral Ecology in Asia, deepen collaboration among the entities of the EAC and SAAOC, encourage the responsible use of digital technologies for formation and communication in promoting ethical digital citizenship, protecting human dignity in digital spaces, countering misinformation and online hate, and fostering responsible engagement with emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, while empowering young friars and young people to become protagonists of justice, peace, and care for creation throughout Asia and Oceania.

Conclusion

As we conclude the VI JPIC Continental Meeting Asia–Oceania, we leave Jakarta with renewed conviction that we are Easter people, called to be instruments of hope. In a world marked by poverty, conflict, displacement, and ecological crisis, the Easter of Saint Francis reminds us that every ending is the beginning of a renewed mission. It calls us to respond to the cries of the poor and the cries of creation with lives shaped by the Gospel, marked by fraternity, and expressed in courageous action.

May this statement become more than a declaration of our common aspirations. May it serve as a shared commitment to transform our fraternities, ministries, and institutions into living signs of justice, peace, and care for our common home. We recognize that this commitment requires conversion not only of hearts but also of institutions, economic choices, pastoral priorities, and lifestyles. Without such conversion, our words risk remaining aspirations rather than becoming credible witnesses. Together, let us continue the journey of Saint Francis, making the Gospel visible in the realities of Asia and Oceania through compassion, collaboration, and prophetic witness.

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